

Concordia University  
Faculty Council of the John Molson School of Business  
Minutes of meeting held Friday, October 10, 2008  
**REVISED**

Present: G. Kanaan, Chair  
A. Ahmad (Fina.), J. Ahmad (Econ.), K. Argheyd (Mana.), A.L. Audy (CASA) B. Barbieri (Mktg.), G. Beasley (Library), V. Bruce (SGS) for S. Cole, D. Cameron (Mana.), S. Chauhan (DS&MIS), C. Cho (Acco.), S. Ciotti (CASA), A. Fagnoli (Reg.), R. Ferguson (Mana.), T. Field (Mana.), J. Freed (Fina.), M. Gagné (Mana.), K. Gheyara (Acco.), A. Gold (CASA), A. Hochstein (Assoc. Dean), M. Horst (TESL), G. Hughes (Staff), L. Katsanis (Mktg.), G. Kersten (DS&MIS), K. Lamertz (Mana.), M. Lee (CASA), M. Lemdasni (CGSA), J. Longo (Staff), F. Nebebe (DS&MIS), S. Paek (CASA), D. Peltier-Rivest (Acco.), I. Rakita (Fina.), K. Reckziegel (CASA), C.A. Ross (Mktg.), R. Saade (DS&MIS), M. Sharma (DS&MIS), L. Switzer (Assoc. Dean), U. Wassmer (Mana.),

Absent with  
Apology: N. Askar (CGSA), S. Betton (Fina.), S. Cole (SGS), B. Desai (Comp. Sci.), C. Draimin (Acco.), G. Fisher (Econ.), P. Pietromonaco (Facil.), G. Saad (Mktg.), K. Shanmugarajah (CASA), S. Sharma (Dean), L. Zimmerman (CASA)

Guests: S. Brutus (Mana.), D. Carosielli (Reg.), C. Law (Grad. Adm.), C. Smith (Reg.)

I. Call to Order

II. Closed Meeting

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III. Open Meeting

IV. Approval of Agenda – JMSB-2008-06A

On a motion duly seconded (M. Sharma, S. Chauhan) the Agenda was approved with attention to the fact that, for the record, there was no JMSB-2008-06A-02.

V. Approval of the REVISED Minutes – JMSB-2008-04M

On a motion duly seconded (B. Barbieri, J. Longo) the revised minutes were approved.

VI. Approval of the Minutes – JMSB-2008-05M

On a motion duly seconded (M. Sharma, L. Katsanis) the minutes were approved.

VII. Chair's Report and Question Period

The Chair, G. Kanaan, made the following remarks:

He reminded the members of Council that the Fall 2008 convocation is on November 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Place des Arts. He asked the members to log on to the website to register as it is an important event for the Faculty, students and their families.

The Shuffle was a success. They have raised over \$46,000 and continue to count some late pledges.

The electronic dissemination of Council documentation was popular as only seven members of Council chose to receive hard copies of the documentation. There was a brief discussion on how this initiative would save paper and G. Kanaan explained that one assumes that the member would read the documentation in its digital form and only print what was deemed necessary for the meeting date.

The CMA (Certified Management Accountants) Canada National Board of Directors has awarded our Bachelor of Commerce (Major in Accountancy) Program full accreditation. This means that our B. Comm students (Major in Accountancy) are to be exempt from writing the CMA Canada entrance exam should they wish to pursue the CMA designation. The accreditation process involved six months of preparation and hosting a site visit from CMA's national board by our excellent team of Alan Hochstein, Trevor Hagyard, Cynthia Law and many others.

The Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (GDBA) and Graduate Certificate in Business Administration (GCBA) Programs were approved at the last Senate meeting on September 26, 2008.

The move to the new building is quickly approaching. G. Kanaan reminded the members of Council to reduce as much as possible so that the packing and move is not too onerous. He also mentioned that tours of the new building will start soon.

There was a question regarding what one does with old journals and books and if there was a possibility of donating them to another institution. L. Katsanis mentioned that B. Lai from the Marketing Department is already doing this and asked the members to get in touch with her for more information.

VIII. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

- i. Elections
  - a. Arshad Ahmad, Department of Finance, was elected by acclamation to serve on the Senate Faculty Tribunal pool for a two-year term effective September 1, 2008 and terminating August 31, 2010.
  - b. K. Lamertz, Department of Management, was elected by acclamation to serve on the Faculty Council Steering Committee for a one-year term effective immediately and terminating after the first Council meeting in fall 2009.

IX. Report: Research and Program Evaluation

L. Switzer made a brief verbal report, mentioning that he gave a presentation at this year's new faculty orientation. He mentioned that the orientation was well attended.

In addition, he explained that there were excellent applications this year for grants and the JMSB appear to have good funding potential. He also advised that a research facilitator position has been approved and will be filled shortly.

At this point, L. Katsanis thanked L. Switzer for his assistance with the JMSB's submission to the Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies in response to the document "CRC/CFI Strategic Research Plan".

X. Report: Administrative Affairs and Human Resources

There was no report.

XI. Standing report on the status of the new JMSB Building

There was no report. G. Kanaan mentioned that he had toured the building and the basement floors are quite advanced.

XII. CGSA Report

M. Lemdasni gave a brief report, mentioning that the CGSA's primary objectives for this year are improving the student lifestyle and school spirit. They are planning one major organized event every month to get the graduate students together.

XIII. Staff Report

There was no report.

XIV. Report: Masters and Diploma Programs – JMSB-2008-06A-01

The report was received.

A. Hochstein mentioned that things were moving forward with new electives and the approval of the GDBA/GCBA Programs at the last Senate meeting was great news. He also asked members of Council to direct any questions regarding the statistics to the Directors of the programs in question.

There was a request for the minimum GMAT for all programs for next month's report.

There was a discussion regarding the enrolment statistics for the MSc, PhD and MBA. It was mentioned that the respective Directors were looking at options in terms of national and global competitiveness and continuing to raise the academic profile as well as creating new initiatives in terms of electives and internships. The importance of looking at shifts in employment rates and trends was also mentioned as fundamental to the success of these programs and for creating a valuable program of study.

XV. Report: Undergraduate Programs, Academic and Student Affairs

There was no report

XVI. CASA Report

A. Gold gave a brief report mentioning that a new initiative called Wall Street prep was extremely popular. The goal was 40 students and 192 students registered for the intensive course. He also mentioned that the

delegation for the Commerce Games was complete and that they were working on the teams for other upcoming competitions in Texas, Ohio and Ottawa.

XVII. Reports from School Representatives on University Committees

The following reports were received:

- i) University Senate (JMSB-2008-06A-03)  
The report was received.
- ii) Senate Academic Planning and Priorities  
C. Ross explained that the most important issue at SCAPP this semester is the fact that the composition of Senate will be changing. It will grow from 31 to 53 members with an increase in representation from all of the faculties so that the majority of the vote will be held by the academic sector. In addition to this change would be the addition of the Vice-President, Advancement and Alumni Relations as a non-voting member. The report detailing the changes is to be presented at the next meeting of SCAPP.  
  
C. Ross also explained that there is also a report circulating outlining suggested changes to the composition of the Board of Governors. The proposal suggests that the Board of Governors of all university institutions be reduced with the majority made up of external members without any ties to the institution. In addition, it suggests that one member of the Board be appointed by the government.
- iii) Senate Academic Programs Committee  
B. Barbieri mentioned that the University Writing Test is being revisited at the APC level. In addition, the University is directing attention to developing a strategy for eConcordia.
- iv) Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards Sub-committee  
M. Sharma explained that there was a special reception for international students on October 3 that was very successful. All of the bursaries and awards will be confirmed in the next few weeks.

There were no reports from JMSB representatives on the following committees:

- i) Arts and Science Faculty Council
- ii) Senate Research Committee
- iii) University Library Committee
- iv) Board of Governors
- v) Council of the School of Graduate Studies

XVIII. New Business

- i. Bell Centre for Business Process Innovations Report – JMSB- 2008-06A-04  
On a motion duly seconded (L. Katsanis, T. Field) speaking privileges were granted to S. Brutus. S. Brutus gave a brief summary of how the Centre was established and outlined some of the key issues. He explained that the centre was the result of a donation of BCE for 5 years to support research projects and create bridges with Bell Canada. It is presently in its third year and the Centre has funded various projects including 3 scholarships this year at \$6,000 each for MSc students. He also called attention to the “Research Oversight” portion of the report which outlines the grant application specifics. He referred the members of Council to the report for more information and asked the members of Council to send any comments or questions they may have to his attention.

XIX. Other Business

- i. Draft profile – Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science.  
The draft profile was distributed and G. Kanaan asked that all comments be sent to B. Henchey.

XX. Adjournment

On a motion duly seconded (M. Sharma, L. Katsanis) the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a. m.

XXI. Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the JMSB Faculty Council will take place on Friday, November 7, 2008 at 09:30 in room GM302.

